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**CITY OF FITCHBURG MASSACHUSETTS  
CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR**

**March 15, 2016 7:00PM**

**Memorial Middle School Library  
615 Rollstone Street  
Fitchburg MA 01420**

**WELCOME TO THE FITCHBURG CITY COUNCIL!**

This is intended to help you understand the meeting format and assist you with the rules of the Council as they pertain to your participation.

All meetings of the Fitchburg City council are open to the public. This does not mean that the public participates in all aspects of the meeting. It simply means that the meeting itself, including all discussions and votes, is open for public view.

**Executive Session**

The only time a Council meeting can be closed to the public is when the Council votes for Executive Session in order to discuss sensitive matters in private, such as pending litigation. Any votes taken however, must be taken in open session.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK DURING A COUNCIL MEETING:**

**Public Forum**

The Public Forum occurs immediately following the Pledge of Allegiance. The President will ask if anyone in the audience wishes to speak on any matter appearing on the Agenda. If you wish to address the Council, you must stand and be recognized and follow these rules before speaking:

1. State your name and address.
2. Approach the center table and either stand or sit. This allows you to be seen and heard clearly by everyone in attendance.
3. You may speak only on items appearing on the agenda for no more than (2) minutes. Copies of the agenda are available on the center table prior to the meeting.
4. Please state the petition, order, ordinance, or resolution number to which you refer.

**Public Hearings**

Public hearings are held on various issues such as Special Permits and Zoning changes. The same rules apply with the following exceptions:

1. You must stand and be recognized either "in favor" or "in opposition" when asked by the Council President.
2. You need not refer to the petition number.

If you have any questions or comments either before or after the meeting, any Councillor would be happy to assist you.

Thank you for your interest!

## I. PUBLIC FORUM

### II. COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

1. Five letters of Appointment as follows:
  - A. Ms. Mary Ann Guichard to the Disability Commission for a term to expire February 1, 2019.
  - B. Ms. Ellen DiGeronimo to the Historical Commission for a term to expire February 1, 2019.
  - C. Ms. Judith Perla to the Trustees of Public Burial Grounds for a term to expire January 1, 2019.
  - D. Attorney Anna R. Phillips to the Zoning Board of Appeals, term to expire August 26, 2016. (Temporary Appointment)
  - E. Attorney Anna R. Phillips to the Zoning Board of Appeals, term to expire January 1, 2021.
2. Letter regarding Sergeant Thomas Leger to serve as the City's representative to the Montachusett Opportunity Council Board of Directors.

### III. COMMUNICATION FROM DEPARTMENT HEAD

1. Andre Ravenelle, School Superintendent, and Robert Jokela, Assistant Superintendent

### IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

The recent survey of Fitchburg residents regarding funding priorities for the City needs with the use of CDBG funding.

### V. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

#### APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Oral Report of meeting to be held on March 15, 2016 at 6:45PM

#### New Appointments:

##### Human Rights Commission

Ms. Santa Helena Amico, 188 Beech St., Fitchburg, MA 01420  
(For a term to expire on May 1, 2019)

##### Fitchburg Cultural Council

Ms. Claudia Stephens, 490 Pearl Hill Road, Fitchburg, MA 01420  
(For a term to expire on September 1, 2019)

#### Re-Appointments:

##### Human Rights Commission

Mr. Adrian Ford, 66 Day St., Fitchburg, MA 01420  
(For a term to expire on May 1, 2019)

##### Fitchburg Redevelopment Authority

Mr. Charles Caron, 75 Prospect St., Fitchburg, MA 01420  
(For a term to expire on July 1, 2019)

Council as a Whole Committee

Report of meeting held on March 8, 2016 at 6:00PM

- 28-2016. John M. Deline, Jr., Deputy Commissioner of Water Supply, to approve increases in the minimum monthly charges, water usage rate and miscellaneous charges described in Chapter 177, Article VI, Section 177-15 of the City Code. (Rate/fee increases detailed in petition.)  
(Be granted)

Public Works Committee Oral Report

Meeting of March 15, 2016

- 245-14. Councillor Joel Kaddy and various City Residents to make Main St. a one lane street with a bike lane on the left and angled parking on the right from Blossom St. to the old City Hall. Including parking at Monument Park for the Library only. Also raise crosswalks for pedestrian safety.
- 215-15. James C. Pappas, Manager, Alex Developers, LLC, to  
1. Accept Turkey Hill Road, from Mt. Elam Road westerly approx. 500 feet to Goodfellow Drive as a public way, and  
2. Accept Goodfellow drive, a circular road at the terminus of Turkey Hill Road, approximately 1400 feet in length, as a public way.  
Attorney George E. Watts will represent the matter.
- 207-15. Kenneth J. Matson, President, to accept Downy Circle, located within the Parker Hill Subdivision, as a public way. Attorney George E. Watts will represent this matter.

**VI. RECESSED HEARING**

- 094-15. The Fitchburg City Council, pursuant to the unanimous, affirmative vote on April 22, 2015, on petition 38-15, filed by Councillor Stephan Hay, does now propose that Chapter 181-Zoning-of the Code of the City of Fitchburg be amended to create a solar farm component.

**VII. ORDERS - FINANCE**

- 041-16. ORDERED: That the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as administered through the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), for the FY16 Fire Emergency Performance Grant, in the approximate amount of \$14,600, for the purposes of said grant.

042-16. ORDERED: That the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (Mass DEP), for the FY16 Health Sustainable Materials Grant, in the approximate amount of \$19,000, for the purposes of said grant.

#### VIII. ORDERS - OTHER

043-16. ORDER: MSBA Votes 3-7-16

1. Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on April 3, 2016 prior to the closing date, the City Council of the City of Fitchburg, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form as the districts Priority School Application dated April 4, 2016 for the Crocker Elementary School located at 200 Bigelow Road, Fitchburg MA which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority as a Priority 7- Replacement of or addition to obsolete buildings in order to provide for a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local requirements. Based on a strategic facilities use plan recently completed by an architectural firm, the buildings' functionality, and the overall current district portfolio of facilities and enrollment trends, and further subject to a more comprehensive feasibility analysis to review site construction and operating costs to best ensure long term sustainability; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City of Fitchburg or its school district to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

044-16. ORDER:

2. Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on April 3, 2016 prior to the closing date, the City Council of the City of Fitchburg, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated April 4, 2016 for the South Street Elementary School located at 376 South Street, Fitchburg MA which describes and explains the

following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future as a Priority 7- Replacement of or addition to obsolete buildings in order to provide for a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local requirements. Based on a strategic facilities use plan recently completed by an architectural firm, the buildings' functionality, and the overall current district portfolio of facilities and enrollment trends, and further subject to a more comprehensive feasibility analysis to review site construction and operating costs to best ensure long term sustainability; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City of Fitchburg or its school district to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

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## IX. ORDINANCES

- 046-16. Establishing a West Fitchburg Corridor Overlay District as outlined in the enclosed Ordinance.  
(First Reading)

## X. PETITIONS

- 047-16. Calvin D. Brooks, City Treasurer, to declare as excess the following properties and refer them to the Chief Procurement Officer for advertising and sale:
1. 21 Goddard Street. Parcel 17-20-0
  2. 43 East Street. Parcel 34-37-0
  3. 16 Market Street. Parcel 141-7-0
- (City Property Committee)
- 048-16. Councillor Angelo Bisol, to review a water issue in front of 88 Charlton Street, Fitchburg.  
(Public Works Committee)
- 049-16. Councillor Paul Beauchemin and John Jeffrey, to request a tree be cut down for safety purposes. The tree is located on Norfolk Street, a paper road, as outlined in the enclosed petition.  
(Public Works Committee)
- 050-16. Councillor Paul Beauchemin, to request a stop sign be put on the corner of Fairmount Place and Fairmount Street for safety reasons.  
(Public Safety Committee)

## X. TABLED MATTER

- 13-2016. SPECIAL PERMIT PETITION: Mr. Robert Lemay to renovate non-conforming building that has been abandoned or not used for a period of more than two years at 148 Myrtle Ave. Map 33, Block 124 Lot 0.